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## VARGAS ROUNDTABLE TO ADDRESS HOMICIDE AND VIOLENT CRIMES

On Friday, January 10, 2004, Assemblymember Vargas hosted a roundtable discussion with policymakers and elected officials to seek answers to the challenge of homicides and violent crimes in his district.



*Pete Flores, Community Resource Manager for Donovan State Prison (far right) participates in the discussion with several law enforcement representatives.*

As chairperson of the Assembly's Select Committee on Urban Revitalization, Vargas convened this meeting to discuss new strategies required to effectively address the large numbers of murders and incidents of personal violence among young people. The goal of the roundtable is to establish a process that will result in a "Blueprint for Addressing Homicide and Violence in California's Urban Centers."



*Assemblymember Juan Vargas convenes roundtable discussion with local leaders such as Assistant Chief Rulette Armstead (far left) of the San Diego Police Department.*

"The reduction of violent crime is of enormous importance to our community," said Vargas. "The roundtable brings together policymakers and law enforcement from around the region to discuss ways to reduce homicides and urban violence."



*Delia L. Council, Executive Director of the Commission On The Study of Homicide Prevention, addresses conference attendees.*